

School Maritime Museum of the  
Ambroz Haračić Secondary School,  
Mali Lošinj

From Idea to Realisation

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## About the Project: *School Museum of Maritime Affairs and Studies*

- **Team members:** Lidija Kosmos, prof.; Aldina Burić, prof., Jelena Bralić, Principal
- **The aim of the project:** to preserve the cultural heritage of the island of Lošinj (the history of the island is closely related to the history of maritime affairs and studies) and present it to the public.
- **Implementation of the project:** The work on the project started after we had signed a co-funding agreement with the Ministry of Tourism (Funding Program: Vocational and Art School Projects aimed at Promotion and Empowering Tourism-Related Professions 2018) in April 2018.
- After receiving the funds from the Ministry of Tourism, we acquired four museum showcases and have exhibited various collections in them.

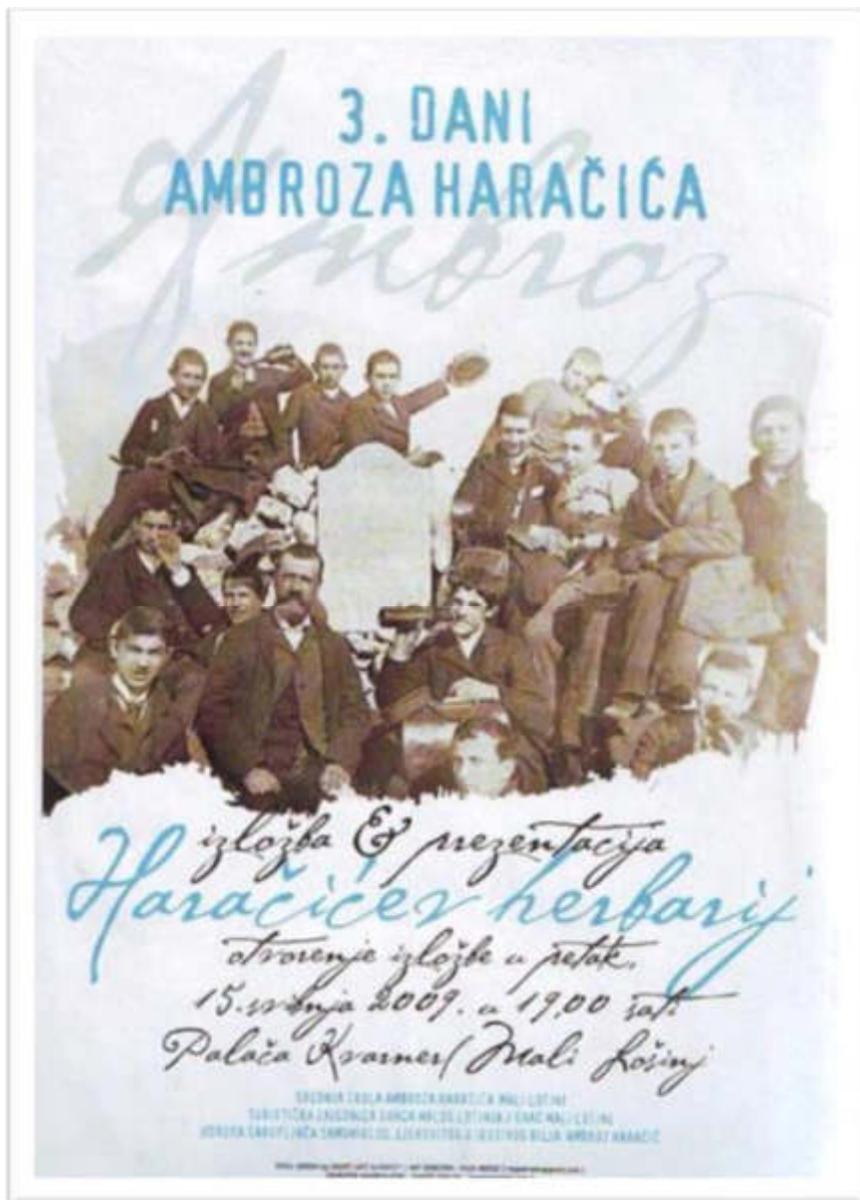
# Notes from the Past

- The town of Mali Lošinj has not only a rich history of maritime affairs which culminated in the 19<sup>th</sup> century but also the history of the unique maritime school founded by the Austrian authorities in 1855.
- **Unfortunately, the city of Mali Lošinj, despite its rich maritime tradition advertised in numerous tourist brochures, has no maritime museum where visitors could get acquainted with the significant part of the island's past, tradition and culture.**
- The Ambroz Haračić Secondary School is the heir to the former Lošinj maritime school. The school inherited many artefacts and various historical sources (meteorological, nautical and astronomical instruments from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century, ship models, engine parts, books, photographs, archive documents etc.).
- For years our school has been conducting various projects with the intention of preserving the cultural heritage of Mali Lošinj as well as its history closely related to the history of maritime affairs and studies.

# Project ”*Conserving the Tradition and Exploring the Local History of Mali Lošinj*”

- Project supervisor: **Lidija Kosmos**
- **2005**: Start of the project;  
A new extracurricular activity:  
young historians
- **2007**: Launching of *The Ambroz Haračić Days* by Mali Lošinj Tourist Board;  
Young historians organize the exhibition and presentation  
”*Ambroz Haračić (1855-1916)*”





”Ambroz Haračić Days”  
Exhibition Poster



Young historians with their supervisor, 2009



2009, opening of *The Haračić Herbarium Exhibition* at the Kvarner Palace where the initiative was launched to establish the local heritage collection

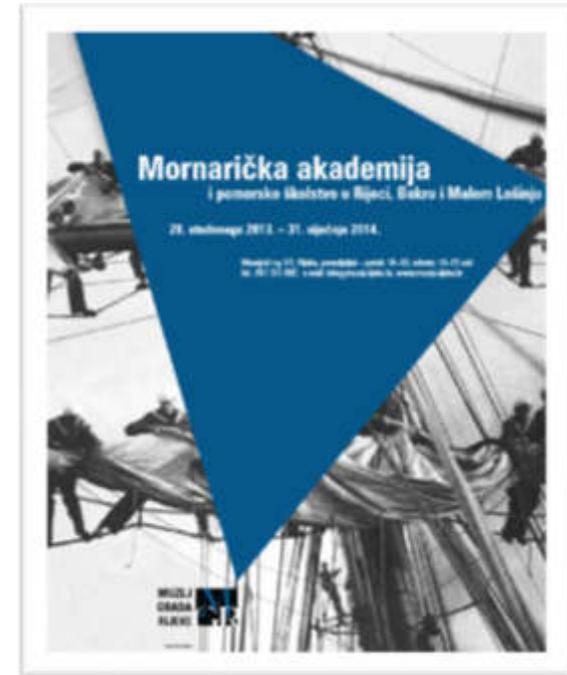
# Exhibitions made in collaboration with various museums

- Lošinj Museum, Kvarner Palace, 2007 *Ambroz Haračić (1855 -1916)*
- Lošinj Museum, Kvarner Palace, 2009 *Haračić's Herbarium*
- Lošinj Museum, Tower in Veli Lošinj, *Ambroz Haračić (1855-1916)*
- Cres Museum, Petris Palace, 2010 *Wild and Edible Plants and History of Herbalism on the Island of Cres*
- Mali Lošinj City Library, 2012 *Photo Album of Professor Haračić*
- City of Rijeka Museum, 2013 *Maritime Academy and Studies in Rijeka, Bakar and Mali Lošinj* (we collaborated as partners in setting the exhibition and making the catalogue )
- Lošinj Museum, Fritzi Palace, Museum Night 2016, *Lošinj Reformers and Scientists, Founders of Modern Lošinj in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*
- Lošinj Museum, Fritzi Palace, Museum Night 2018, *Measuring and Measuring Devices*

# Exhibition *”Maritime Academy and Studies in Rijeka, Bakar and Mali Lošinj”*

City of Rijeka Museum, 2013

- The exhibition material included various maritime and scientific instruments, textbooks, manuals, ship models, photographs, professional and scientific papers by professors etc.
- Part of the exhibition material was provided by the Ambroz Haračić Secondary School
- The School also participated in making the exhibition catalogue



# Museum Night, 29/1/2016

## Lošinj Museum, Fritzi Palace



Giving lectures;  
School artefacts provided for  
the exhibition

# Museum Night, 26/1/2018

## Lošinj Museum, Fritzi Palace



Artefacts provided from school  
collection

# Project ”*Maritime History Sparks*”

- Project supervisors: **Arlen Abramić**, prof., **Aldina Burić**, prof., **Vlaho Stražičić**, prof.
- 2010/11 cooperation on Lošinj Tourist Board project *Lošinj Sails Around the World* — making of nautical charts with the famous Lošinj sailing and steamships’ routes
- 2011/12 exhibition of restored ship models in the school hall
- 2012/13 taking part in setting the exhibition on maritime studies in The City of Rijeka Museum
- 2014/15 cataloging all the instruments used for teaching or navigation, including descriptions and modes of use
- 2015/16 cataloging the instruments; some of the instruments were exhibited as part of the project *Lošinj Sails Around the World*
- 2017/18 permanent exhibition – educational posters on *Lošinj Sails Around the World* project
- 2016 and 2018 co-organization of *Museum Night* with The Lošinj Museum



Students involved in the "*Maritime History Sparks*" project holding navigational instruments from the school collection.

Students researched the use of the instruments, the time until they were used in navigation and which contemporary instruments replaced them.

# The Erasmus+ project – *COSMOS*

## *Connection of School, Museum and Open Space*

### **The aim of the Project:**

- collaboration between schools with school museum
- create a platform/website for school museum

### **Partners:**

- Ginnasio Gian Rinaldo Carli, Koper, Slovenia (applicant organisation)
- BRG Kepler, Graz, Austria  
(partner organisation)
- Srednja Škola Ambroza  
Haračića, Mali Lošinj,  
Croatia (partner organisation)
- Convitto Internazionale  
Paolo Diacono, Cividale del  
Friuli, Italy (partner organisation)



# Exhibition ”*Views of Nature* ”

Regional Museum, Koper, Slovenia, 19/8/21-16/10/21

- The exhibition is all about nature with many stuffed animals and physics and chemistry instruments
- Main idea: A. von Humboldt’s „*Views of Nature*”
- Included some instruments of the school collection, brochures and book concerning Ambroz Haračić’s work, a twig of Alep’s pine and wild onion from our Island.
- The school also participated in panel making for the exhibition



# Our School Building

- The image of our school is symbolically linked to the maritime past. The building was built in the shape of navigating bridge in 1975. Round windows, distinctive fence shapes, resemblance to a hull and space in which, as in a ship's cabin, every centimeter is used, all reveal the maritime design style.





## Old School Building

Maritime school was founded by the Austrian authorities; from 1881 until 1975 school building was located in the city harbour



Staffroom in the old maritime school building in the 1970s



Classroom in the old school building

The maritime cabinet after relocation  
to the new school building



# Our School Today



# School Maritime Museum



The poster with the name and the logo of the museum in the school hall

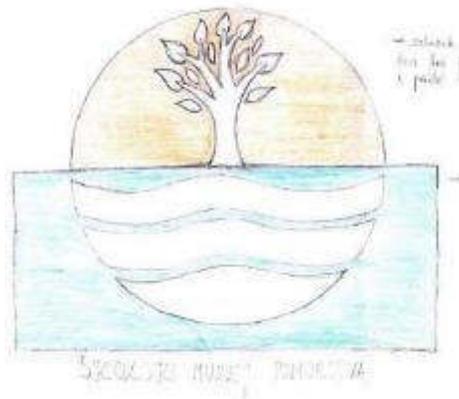
# Some of the Ideas for the Logo



Lucija Mršić, 1.g



Lucija Kleva, 4.g

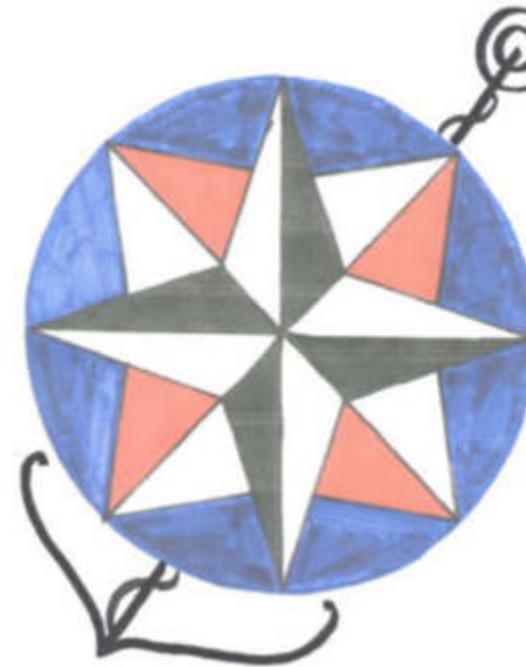


Alen Komadina and  
Valentina Fuzul, 2.g

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Alen Komadina, 2.g



Ivčić Leopolda Luana, 1.g



Ana Mikić, 2.g

## Students – Authors of the Logo



Valentina Fuzul, Alen Komadina and Ana Mikić, 2.g



## Students – Museum Guides

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Paola Cesarić, 2.htt

Rebecca Galli, 3.htt

Monica Jukić, 3.htt

Alen Komadina, 2.g

Stela Kučić, 2.g

Tihana Nekić, 3.htt

Brigita Sorić, 3. htt

Lara Štavlić, 2.htt





# The School Collection

1. Instruments for terrestrial and astronomical navigation and maritime communication previously used in teaching and navigation
2. Books and manuals previously used in teaching and on board;
3. Meteorological instruments;
4. Artefacts from professor Haračić's legacy;
5. Ship models;
6. Ship engine parts and other naval equipment



# Collection of Instruments for Terrestrial and Astronomical Navigation



Optical Distance Meter Mk II



Walker's Patent Log



Patent Sea-Sounding Instrument



Dromoscope

# Meteorological Collection



Barograph



Psychrometer



# Collection of Ship Models



M/V „Tuhobić”



Model of sailship's hull maintenance



*S.S. Tirreno* ship model in the school hall

# The Professor Ambroz Haračič's Legacy



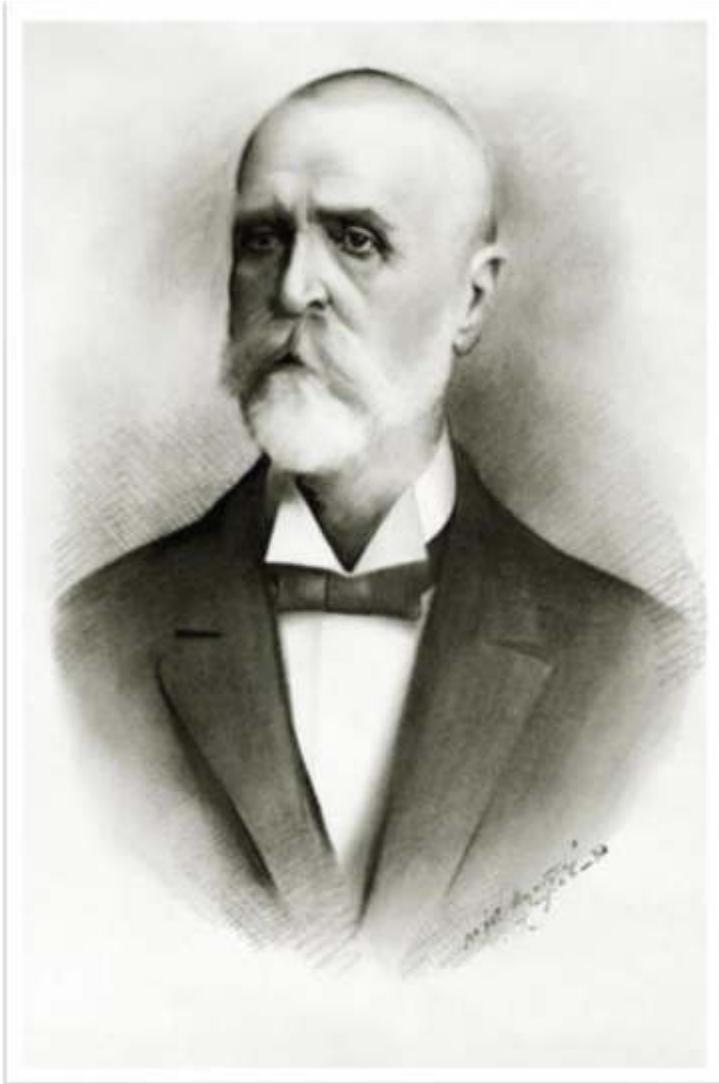
Haračič's Chesterman Sheffield tape measure



Haračič's Spyglass



Octant



Original portrait of Ambroz Haračić  
Unknown author, 1912

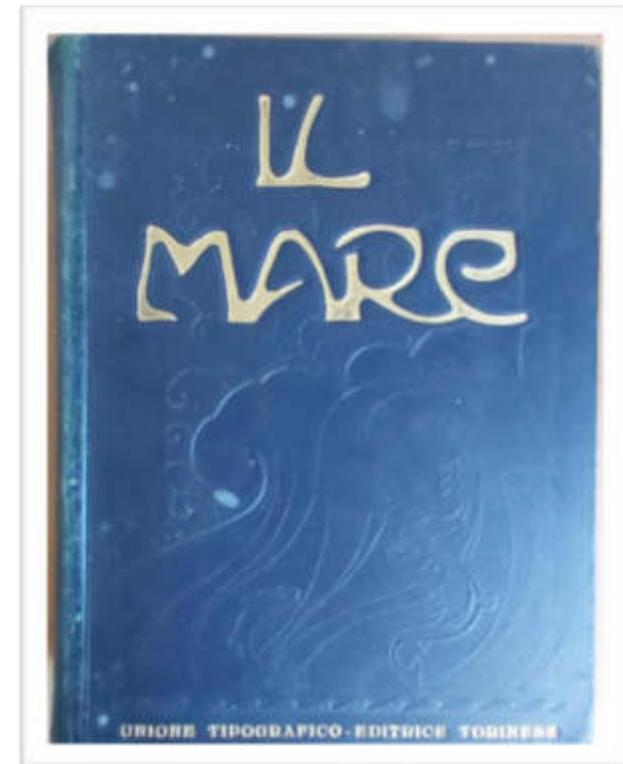
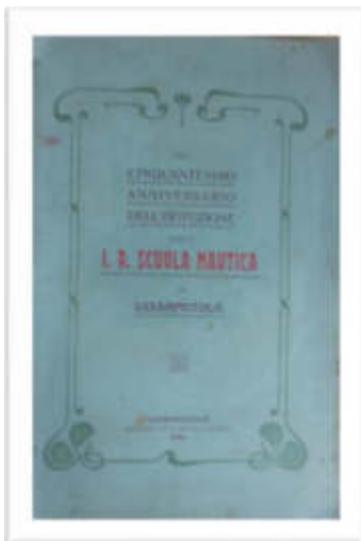
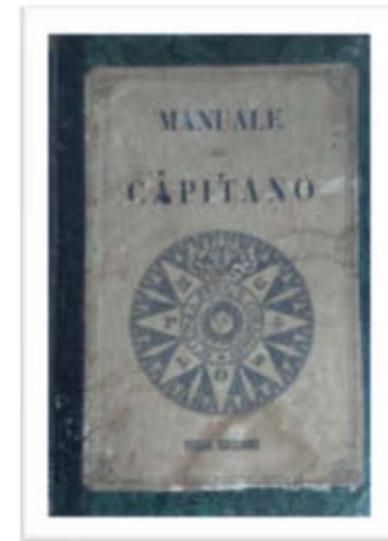
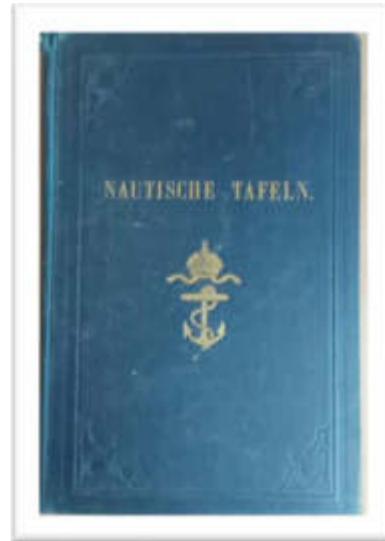
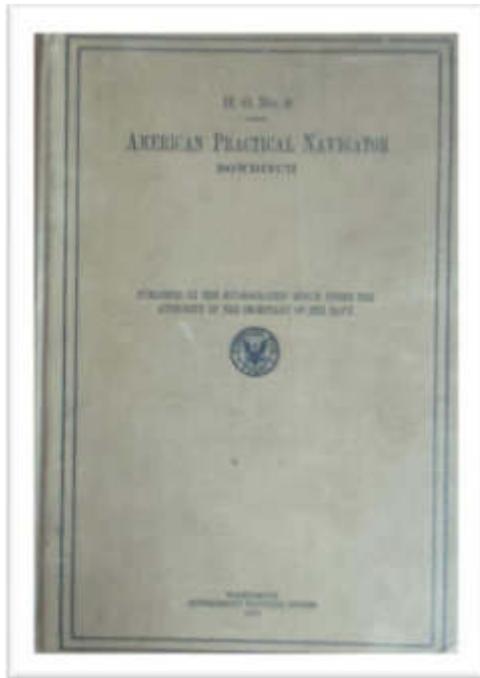


Original Diploma: *Order of the Knight - Merit for Development of Natural Sciences*, awarded to Professor Haračić by emperor Franz Joseph I, 1904



Part of the maritime collection in the school hall

# Books and manuals

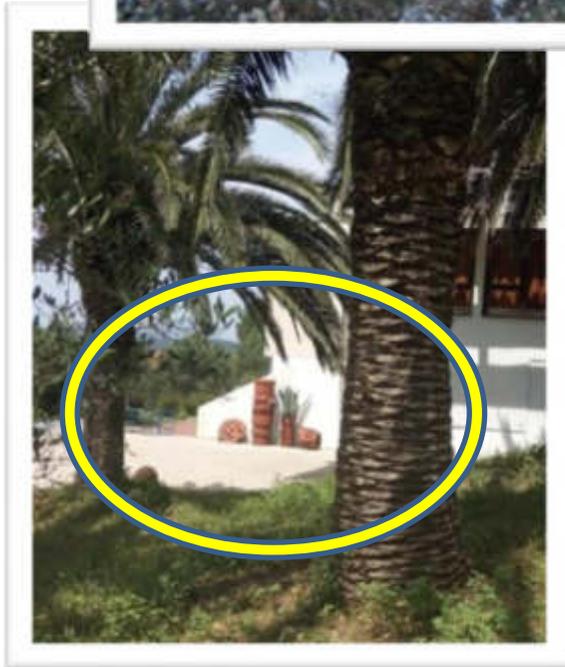


# Various Artefacts around School

Admiralty anchor with one arm missing,  
school park



Sailboat, near the library entrance



Ship engine parts, school entrance

## Various Artefacts in the School Hall



Hall type anchor



Part of the ship's engine; piston with a piston clip; steam pump



# Nautical Cabinet



# School Atrium



Magnetic compass,  
radiogoniometer Bellini Tosi antenna  
and radar antennas





Ship engine parts next to the school entrance





Come and visit our school  
museum!

Magnetic compass and the view from nautical cabinet terrace